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07/31/2017

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Agenda Item Name	0320 NET NEUTRALITY RESOLUTION

Agenda Wording

A resolution opposing the Federal Communications Commission's proposal, ("Restoring Internet Freedom") that will roll back the enforcement of net neutrality principles.

Summary (Background)

This resolution puts the City of Spokane on record opposing the enforcement rollback of net neutrality principles by the Federal Communications Commission known as "Restoring Internet Freedom". A copy of the resolution will be filed with the Federal Communications Commission as opposition to Docket No. 17-108, "Restoring Internet Freedom".

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SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:

7/31/2017

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0062

A resolution opposing the Federal Communications Commission's proposal, (*"Restoring Internet Freedom"*) that will roll back the enforcement of net neutrality principles.

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted 2-1 on May 18th, 2017, to begin the rollback the enforcement of net neutrality protections via the *"Restoring Internet Freedom"* proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is accepting comments on *"Restoring Internet Freedom"* through August 16th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, net neutrality is the principle that consumers have the right to use devices of their choice and have access to applications, services, and content of their choice without discrimination or prioritization from internet service providers (ISPs); and

WHEREAS, internet access is no longer considered a luxury but is a critical utility used in all aspects of Spokane citizens' lives; and

WHEREAS, Spokane is the growing regional economic hub for telecommunications and information technology services and access to an open, neutral, and fair internet is a necessity for entrepreneurs, business development, and job creation in Spokane; and

WHEREAS, more than 25% of the non-farm employment in Spokane County work in the technology sector; and

WHEREAS, the end of a neutral internet could fundamentally alter information access for students in Spokane including students engaging in STEM programs; and

WHEREAS, the inability to enforce net neutrality rules could create a multi-tiered internet, limit consumer choice, and manipulate access to content through paid prioritization; and

WHEREAS, all consumers, students, non-profits, and businesses should have equal access to an open internet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane joins organizations and businesses such as the Inland Northwest Technologists, ACLU, American Library Association, Internet Association, Microsoft, Amazon, Google, Facebook, and Netflix, as well as U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray in opposing *"Restoring Internet Freedom"*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL that the City of Spokane strongly opposes the enforcement rollback of net neutrality

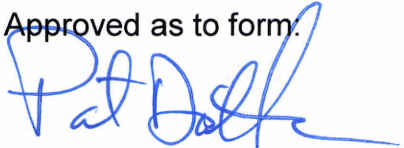
principles by the Federal Communications Commission known as "*Restoring Internet Freedom*";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Federal Communications Commission as opposition to Docket No. 17-108, "*Restoring Internet Freedom*".

Adopted July 31, 2017


City Clerk

Approved as to form.


Assistant City Attorney

